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THE BASIS FOR RECOUNT.

It would have been surprising, in view of the closeness of the vote between the republican and democratic candidates for mayor, if a recount had not been sought by the losing candidate.

It is alleged by the attorneys for Mayor Boatright that there were irregularities in the counting of the ballots by the election judges of the Fourth ward. Specifically they say there were eight ballots for the city ticket—two of them for Westerfeld and six of them for Boatright—found in the box reserved exclusively for the bond ballots, and that two tickets had been put in the regular ballot box, each of them bearing another Boatright ballot folded inside it, the judges allege. The attorneys for Boatright also all four of the latter ballots were thrown out, whereas they should have been counted for Boatright, and that all of the eight ballots found in the bond box were thrown out.

The majority on the face of the returns was six in favor of Westerfeld.

But if Boatright was deprived of two votes illegally, and Westerfeld of two,

the majority of the vote cast would be two in favor of Boatright. However, if two Boatright ballots had an other ballot folded inside of each of them, there could be no doubt that two of the ballots were cast fraudulently and should have been thrown out, as they were. But two of the ballots should have been counted.

Tonight the vote would be a tie.

However, there was one ballot for

Westerfeld found in the bond box of the Third ward, which should be credited to him, thus, making on the face of things so far developed, a majority of one for the democratic majority candidate.

But in all of this is the question of

whether the votes tally with the list of votes cast. If the ballots in the city boxes correspond with the number of votes shown to have been cast, the assumption is that the city ballots found in the bond boxes had been wrapped in the bond tickets and were fraudulent. Also it is easily conceivable that all of the four tickets found in the city boxes and thrown out were valid, if the tally sheets correspond with the ballots found in that box. It is not conceivable that more than two of them were fraudulent, in fact, however tainted with fraud the purpose of the voters who cast them may have been.

The people of Albuquerque wait the man entitled to election to have the office.

If the result should show that Westerfeld has a majority of even one over the certificate will be issued to him, and the republican leaders say no further contest will be instituted. This, then, is merely a matter of securing a recount of the ballots cast in the Fourth ward. If that recount should give the majority to Boatright, beyond doubt the democrats would insist upon recounts in the other wards.

A FAUNAL NATURALIST announces

that the pigs are eating their tails

tighter this spring than ever before.

Now let's some sayant come to the front with an explanation of why the pig's tail is becoming a lightning rod.

A GRAVE CRISIS.

That the gravest crisis, since the beginning of the war, has arisen between Germany and the United States, over the torpedoing of the Sussex, and other unarmed vessels, with American citizens aboard, can not be doubted.

Conditions have been critical at other times, but were matters of negotiation and final agreement between the two nations. Germany apologized for the attacks upon two vessels carrying American passengers and "assumed responsibility" for the sinking of the Lusitania and agreed to pay indemnity for the American lives lost.

The Germans have abashed into another French defense of Verdun, and the merry game of slaughter goes on.

cape, without those aboard being given opportunity to escape to places of safety. The promise was a solemn one, from one great nation to another, and was accepted in good faith by Washington.

But there seems to be no doubt that German submarines are proceeding, without the slightest regard by the compact to sink unarmed merchantmen without warning and without excuse. American lives have been sacrificed, and the American government can not fail to take action necessary to vindicate its dignity and protect its citizens.

The assumption at this moment is that the pledge of Germany is worthless. Unless Germany should repudiate the action of her submarine commanders and mete out to them adequate punishment, there is no possibility of avoiding war between the two nations.

It has been indicated from Berlin that if it should be shown that the Sussex was torpedoed by a German submarine satisfaction would be given to the United States of a most adequate sort. That would mean, in addition to apology and indemnity, the most exemplary punishment of the commander responsible. Nothing less could possibly satisfy this nation.

For Germany to go on killing Americans, and then merely apologizing for the act and agreeing to pay an indemnity, is unthinkable. Such policy can not be tolerated.

Much as we dislike war, much as we desire continuation of peace, war would have to be declared, and this nation could not permit it to be merely a paper war. It would have to be carried on vigorously for the punishment of the offending nation, and the full strength of this country would have to be thrown into the balance in favor of the allies.

Unless Germany "comes through" completely there is no other way open to this government.

Thomas Taggart is to be constituted on his decision not to make a race for the senate before the voters of Indiana. Yet there is a possibility that he might win. Penrose wins in Pennsylvania.

SELECTING CANDIDATES.

It is worth while for the voters of New Mexico to begin to cast about them for material for the various state and county candidates. One of the most vital needs is good material for members of the legislature.

So far as the governorship is concerned any good, honest, intelligent man—a man capable of being a good county commissioner—would make a good governor. The last sort of material to be selected for any office is the man whose claim for office rests on his ability to make speeches. The man afflicted with words is usually impractical and a failure in anything he undertakes, whether his undertaking be in business, statecraft or professional life. The country is tired of the "spellers."

For United States senator and representative in congress, strange as the statement may sound to many, the men selected should be chosen for their common sense, their ability to take a practical view of any question presented—not for their ability to do the "spread eagle" oratory act.

The tendency in selecting members of the legislature has always been, in this and in all other states, to pick up men who have the "gift of gab," instead of selecting men with the gift of brains and horse sense. Making laws is just as practical as running a bank, a drygoods store or a farm, and a man who has not been able to make good in his vocation is not fit fitted for the lawmaking job.

While in the West Indies, Colonel Roosevelt discovered a bird that has been on exhibition in American museums for many years.

A FUTILE BILL.

A bill for the creation of a tariff commission has been introduced in the house by Representative Rainey. It will very well as far as it goes, but it does not touch the vital need.

The bill, as introduced, creates merely a board of investigation and report. The men on the commission would report the result of their investigations to congress, and that body would do what it pleased with the report.

Authorities on the tariff question are practically agreed that an effective commission should have not only the power of investigation, but also, within certain fixed limits, the power to raise and lower rates according to varying trade conditions. Otherwise, the tariff never will be taken out of politics and made a purely business question as it should be.

But when such a tariff commission as is provided for in the Rainey bill gets all through with its work, Congress alone will have the power to change schedules, and the same old log-rolling of selfish interests, the same lobbying for special privilege—a task that has gone on at Washington for years, whenever a new tariff bill was being made, will go on again.

The end of the war will bring to this country a need of business preparedness as great as the present need of military preparedness. Until a tariff commission has the power to change schedules to meet the time-to-time changes in trade conditions, the tariff never will be taken out of politics.

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ARE YOUR HANDS CLEAN?



With Scissors and Paste

THE BOOK.

The guns had ceased, the new sun

blessed the earth.

Into my heart there stole a sense of ease

Soft as the summer wind through

summer trees

That brings a thousand airy scents to birth.

I took my book that tells of pure

love's worth.

St. John, historian of mysteries,

Read that this illuminated by

green

Written in tears of men for angelic birth,

Of sisters twain who mourned a brother dead,

Or Martha gone; who went her Lord to meet,

Of Him who wept, then raised His friend from tomb;

Of Him, guest at a white table spread,

And Mary's tears prophetic of His feet,

And of her incense filling all the room.

—H. B. in Saturday Review.

LOVE IN SPRING.

Go in to love, and to love for a little, and then

Well to forget, be forgotten, ere

long grow life!

Dear, you have loved me, but was I

the man among men?

Sweet, I have loved you, but scarce-

ly as mistress or wife.

Message of spring in the hearts of a man and a maid,

Hearts on a hill; let us

love; it is spring.

Joy in the birds of the air in the buds of the blade,

Joy in our hearts in the joy of the hours on the wing.

Well, but tomorrow? Tomorrow,

goodby! it is over.

Surely with tears shall we part,

With a smile who has met.

Tears? What is this? But I thought

we were playing at lover.

Playtime is past. I am going. And

you—love me yet!

—Arthur Symons.

HE WOULD SEND MEXICO FOOD.

(Canadian Star-News.)

Shall we conquer Mexico with kind-ness?

Shall we give hungry peo-

ple bread, instead of bayonet and bullet?

The expedition against Villa soon

may be successful and may return to

its own soil without having provoked

general uprising against this country.

But while Villa eliminates still

there will be a troublesome problem

below the border, and it will increase

our people and keep the menacing

possibility of unavoidable intervention

hanging over us.

To understand this, let us

recall that the Mexican

people are not like us.

They are not like us.